IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

29th August 2014  School Development Day—Pupil Free Day
10th September 2014  School Photos
11th September 2014  Dads Big Night Out

**Dr Montessori’s Birthday**

In celebration of Dr Maria Montessori’s birthday, Boab class visited all of the Junior Primary classrooms and read a story about Dr Montessori’s life, showed the children pictures of Dr Montessori and also stamps and coins that have been made in Italy in her honour.
On Wednesday the 6th of August, the School Leaders – Anita Williamson, Joshua Valentine, Emily Mischke, Noah Kalkhoven and Amelia Abbott and Jenny Moyles, travelled in Jim Valentine’s car to an event to commemorate Hiroshima Day run by the Cockburn City Council. They were asked to represent Blue Gum and attended with representatives from other schools.

They planted two trees in the park and then went back to Cockburn City Council to learn about Bonsai planting. The school received three bonsai packs and the School Leaders gave one to each middle primary class.

Thank you to Jim Valentine for your time and transport. We are very grateful.

*I was very proud to go and represent the school and commemorate the tragic events of Hiroshima* - Anita

*I liked planting the trees so everyone remembers Hiroshima Day and they provided heaps of yummy food.* - Josh

*I liked meeting the Japanese Ambassador and the Mayor of Cockburn* - Noah

*I was so proud to represent the school and really sad to learn about the tragedy that Japan went through* – Emily

*I thought the Japanese Ambassador was very nice because he said himself he wasn’t very good at speaking English, but he still spoke well* - Amelia
Jarrah Class News

Welcome to Rafael Widjaja and his family who have come on board Jarrah this term. Rafael is settling in well and is making friends.

The book character parade was a lovely way to celebrate our focus on Literature over the past few weeks. The older children made their own books of varying topics (My family, The People I Like, My Favourite Foods, etc...). The children are so proud of being both the author and the illustrator of their own books. This has sparked more interests in reading/writing and making books about anything.

We would like to thank the parents who have visited Jarrah to read to the children. You have made Book Week extra special and the children have enjoyed the stories, plus Q & A session. Keep reading!

Cheers
Maria & Patricia

Oscar du Toit—Jarrah Class Article

28/8/2014

Not long ago at school book parade not everyone brang their books but a thew people brang their books. Everyone dressed up and me and my family found it hard to find all the things for me to dress up as thing 1. I was the only the thing 1 but ... THERE WAS NO THING 2! But there was nine cat on the hats. The End

Written by Oscar du Toit

Boab Class News

Boab class had a wonderful time dressing up as characters from some of their favourite books.
Wattle Class News

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Expecting a baby!

It is with delight and excitement that Tim and Louise Blaxell, Louise is our Educational Assistant in Wattle Class announced to our community that they are expecting their first child on the 13th January 2015. On behalf of all the staff and school community we congratulate you on your journey into parenthood, we are looking forward to meeting your son or daughter in the new year.

All the very best from us all!
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Book Week Parade

The Book Week Parade was a fantastic success. The kids all looked amazing in their costumes. Thank you parents and teachers for getting behind this event and making it such an enjoyable morning.

Overall the P&C raised $200 from gold coin donations. Congratulations to Wattle for being the highest class fundraiser with $40! Wattle was by far the biggest contributor so well done Catherine, Wattle children and parents – your support is much appreciated.

Garage Sale Trail

And so we move on to our next fundraiser for the year. On October 25th we will be joining in a national Garage Sale Trail. Australia wide there will be hundreds of garage sales all happening on the same day. It is well publicized through websites and local newspapers etc so it will be a great opportunity for us to raise some much needed funds for the Water Playground. We are planning to have quality secondhand items plus a Bake Sale, coffee van and a sausage sizzle.

At this time we are asking for donations of secondhand items that we can include in the sale so please start looking around your home for something to donate. Toys and games, household items and any unique treasures would make ideal donations. One or two items per family would ensure the event is financially successful for the P&C. Please place donations in the tubs outside each classroom. For any larger donations please contact Rachel (Karri Class Liaison) to organise delivery.

More details to follow as the planning and organising takes shape. We will be calling for volunteers on the day closer to the date so please add October 25th to your calendar!

Upcoming Events

October 25
Blue Gum’s Big Bargain Sale

September 11
P&C Meeting at Next Generation Gym, Bibra Lake; 8:45AM (after drop off)
Join us at Riverland's Montessori school, Tuesday 2nd September 2014 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm for Steve Hughes parent talk on Montessori in the Primary (6-12) Years. (see below).